

**REGULAR MEETING
LABOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 30, 2006 – 4:00 P.M.
MISD CONFERENCE ROOM**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Regina Washinawatok. Roll Call was taken with a quorum present. Members present: Rose Wayka, Robert Tucker, Wendell Waukau, Michael Skenadore, Virginia Nuske, Dr. Verna Fowler and Carol Dodge. Members absent: George Otradovec (excused). Also present: Norbert Sturdevant.

2. Moment of Silence: A moment of silence was observed.

3. Approval of minutes dated October 26, 2006:

Wendell Waukau had a question that the Bomb Scare Ordinance was discussed at the last meeting and was to be an agenda item for this meeting. This item will be discussed under Other Business.

The JOM Bylaws were approved by motion at the last meeting, however, on the agenda; it listed JOM Policies and Procedures. Legislative Staff will contact the Legal Department for clarification.

Motion made by Virginia Nuske to approve the minutes of October 26, 2006. Second was by Carol Dodge. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Otradovec).

4. “My Favorite Book” Program:

The Committee would like to know who referred this action item to this Committee and who would be paying for this program. It was initiated by the seller to the Menominee Tribal Legislature and the cost could be covered by request to the Education Endowment Fund.

Motion made by Dr. Verna Fowler to send this action item to the Tribal School to see if this program could benefit our students. Second was by Wendell Waukau. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Otradovec).

5: Homeless Students-Review and recommendations:

Motion made by Virginia Nuske to table this item until the Committee had a chance to review this information. Second was by Dr. Verna Fowler. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Otradovec).

6. Youth and Young Adults-Employment Opportunities:

Regina Washinawatok did get a chance to talk briefly to AnnMarie Johnson, Community Resource Manager and Mrs. Johnson did inform Ms. Washinawatok that there are two (2) programs that are designed for our young adults.

The JTP Youth Program serves the 14-21 year olds and has 40 slots available. 20 are after school and these are based on income eligibility and you need to be an enrolled member.

The Brighter Futures Program has 79 young people and serves the 14-21 year olds with no income barrier. 20 of the slots are after school.

The Tribal TANF Youth Program serves the 14-21 year olds and there are 40 slots for the summer and 10 slots that are for the full year.

The TANF Program does collaborate with the Suicide Prevention Program and they provide a Youth Leadership Conference that invites the five (5) surrounding Tribes to participate and they are a referral service for Job Corp.

The definition of homeless is very broad. According to the State of Wisconsin's Department of Public Instruction, Menominee County has zero homeless students. Wendell Waukau will give this report to Dan Hinkfuss- Homeless Liaison Officer to find out where the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction received their figures.

Mr. Norbert Sturdevant had contacted Davison Inventegration for a patent for his invention. The company has informed him that in order for him to proceed, he would need to forward an amount of \$ 695.00 to start this process. This company will do the research, quality review, assembly and mailing of your research portfolio. If this invention takes off, he is only asking for 20 percent of the revenue and that the rest be used for the homeless cause.

Because the concept is there, the Committee will refer this matter over to the Homeless Task Force for further review. (Rose Wayka excused at 5 pm).

Motion made by Virginia Nuske to support this concept and refer this information to the Menominee Tribal Legislature. Second was by Wendell Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Otradovec).

Dr. Fowler wanted to indicate that we do have homeless students and Norbert should be commended for being the "Voice in the Woods" and our leadership needs to deal with this issue.

Mr. Norbert Sturdevant was asked what would be the ideal situation. Right now, he would like to see a building that would house at least 15-25 beds for overnight stay; a warm breakfast, a drop in center attached-along with office personnel to assist members filling out applications for whatever assistance they are looking for. The Eagles Nest is transitional housing and is geared more for single family households.

7. Review of monthly reports:

Robert Tucker/Tribal School – Student count is at 190 with the capacity being at 250 students. All of school positions are now filled. Joey Awonohopay was hired as the part time Menominee Language teacher. Parent-Teacher conferences were well attended with 70 % participation. Discipline referrals are down. (Last year at this time, the referral count was 86 whereas this year is at 49). The school is in bad need of replacing a convection oven and milk cooler.

Wendell Waukau/MISD – The buzzard system is being installed. Parent participation was poor in attendance and the School District was looking forward to comments. There was a lockdown testing at the school and things went well. The doors are locked and you will need to have a swipe card to enter. Tribal Police also brought the drug dog and Mr. Waukau was pleased to report that nothing was found within the school.

Michael Skenadore/Head Start - The 90-day deadline for the non-compliance issues will be late due to the Service Plans (how the Head Start addresses their performance standards) needs to be approved by the Policy Council. Washington is the funding source and they are aware that the Head Start will be late. Enrollment is at 195 students and the Head Start program can now enroll three year olds whose birthdays are after September 1st. These students will have their own individualized tract. Mr. Skenadore is trying to have this program running by the 1st of the year. The Head Start program purchased a new “used” bus to replace a 1994 bus.

Virginia Nuske/Higher Education – Mrs. Nuske submitted her report in the packet of information and the Committee had no questions for her.

Dr. Verna Fowler/College of Menominee Nation – Dr. Fowler was appointed by President Bush to the President’s Board of Advisors on Tribal Colleges and Universities. Dr. Fowler also informed the Committee that the student portfolios’ were presented. The College was awarded a Micrometeorology Research Grant that will include a 20 station Mac Lab for training which will enable the college to be Apple Certified.

Carol Dodge/East West University – Informed the Committee that the school is working with the Tribal School to see how students view science. This study was approved by the Language and Culture Commission and will have more information to share.

8. Other Business:

Bomb Scare Ordinance – Wendell Waukau will review this document and bring the proposed draft amendment to the next meeting.

Committee Reports – The committee has no control about the monthly reports that should be presented by the Directors'. The Committee would like to do more like visit each others facilities, learn more, and find out what curriculum is out there.

Motion made by Wendell Waukau to discuss at the next meeting what direction this committee will be taking. Second was by Virginia Nuske. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Motion is carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Otradovec).

9. Adjournment:

Motion made by Virginia Nuske/Michael Skenadore to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, Recorder
Legislative Staff